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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	: 2 1 : 1		
Section 63.71 Application of)) File No.		1	
AT&T Corp.) NO-2012-9-C			
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service)))	. P.: 		

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T CORP.

AT&T Services Inc. on behalf of its affiliate, AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue AT&T Frame Relay service, AT&T Alaska Frame Relay service, Virtual Telecommunications Network Service (VTNS) Frame Relay service, AT&T Asynchronous Transfer Mode service and AT&T Alaska Asynchronous Transfer Mode service (collectively referenced herein as AT&T FR and ATM services) throughout the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(l), (b)(2)):

AT&T Corp. One AT&T Way Bedminster, NJ 07921

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T will no longer offer these services to new customers on or after May 31, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this application. Existing customers may retain their services in accordance with the terms and conditions of their existing contracts. Upon expiration of existing contracts, AT&T will continue to provide these services to existing customers on a month-to-month basis until such time as AT&T discontinues these services, which is currently planned for April 30, 2016.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

These services will be discontinued throughout the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T, AT&T Alaska and VTNS Frame Relay service:

Frame Relay Service is a public, metropolitan and wide-area data service. It utilizes packet switching technology and digital transmission facilities to provide a data delivery service.

AT&T and AT&T Alaska Asynchronous Transfer Mode service:

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Service is a high speed switched transport service that combines disparate applications, from separate locations, using a common network access device and physical network connection.

AT&T is discontinuing these services as a result of declining market demand. The market is moving to next generation technologies, which provide higher bandwidths and a wider range of applications. There services have been replaced in the market by multi-protocol label switching (MPLS) network-based VPN services, which are offered by AT&T and other service

providers. Consequently, the public convenience and necessity should not be impaired by this discontinuance.

discontinuance.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R.

§63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T notified its customers of its intention to discontinue this service by letter sent via U.S. Mail on April 13, 2012. A copy of the customer notification is attached hereto as

Attachment A.

In addition, copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T offers AT&T FR and ATM services pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of AT&T FR and ATM services because there are replacement services available from AT&T and other service providers in the marketplace. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.7 1 Application to discontinue these services.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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April 17, 2012

ATTACHMENT A



AT&T Corp.
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April 13, 2012

[CUSTOMER NAME]
[ADDRESS 1]
[ADDRESS 2], [ADDRESS 3]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Important Notice Regarding the Change in Service & Discontinuance of AT&T Packet Services provided by AT&T Corp Change in Service Effective 05/31/2012

Service Discontinuance Planned for 04/30/2016

Dear AT&T Business Customer,

AT&T values your business, and we would like to update you on some important changes underway for AT&T Packet Services.

Effective on May 31, 2012, pending regulatory approval, all AT&T Packet Services (including all Domestic and International Frame Relay and ATM services) provided under the AT&T Packet Services' Service Guide and various integrated offer service guides (such as ABN, OneNet and VTNS), located at http://serviceguidenew.att.com, and under any state tariffs, service guides or other applicable Service Publications, will no longer be available to new customers in the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or any other country. These services include, but are not limited to:

- AT&T Frame Relay Service (FRS)
- AT&T Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Service
- AT&T Alaska Frame Relay Service
- AT&T Alaska Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Service
- VTNS Frame Relay Service.

As a <u>current</u> AT&T customer with AT&T Packet Services, you may retain your existing service(s), and may continue to conduct moves, adds and changes until March 30, 2015.

For customers with AT&T Packet Services with unexpired contracts (other than integrated contract offers, such as VTNS, OneNet, ABN, etc.), AT&T will allow one extension of their existing contract past its current term for 12 months, provided (i) the extension is signed on or before December 31, 2012, and the extended term expires no later than December 31, 2013, and (ii) the rates for the services during such extension period will be at rates to be determined on an individual case basis. Integrated contract offers may be subject to renewal or extension in accordance with AT&T's standard practices and procedures relating to such contracts, but such contracts may include restrictions or limitations applicable to the AT&T Packet Services being discontinued. Other than as set forth above, no renewals, extensions or new term plans may be entered into after May 31, 2012. Upon expiration of a customer's contract, AT&T will continue to provide the service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued (currently planned for April 30, 2016).

The AT&T Packet Services are governed by the terms of the AT&T Packet Services Service Guide and various integrated offer service guides (such as ABN, OneNet and VTNS), which can be found at

http://serviceguidenew.att.com, and by various state tariffs, service guides or other applicable Service Publications which can be found at

http://serviceguide.att.com/servicelibrary/business/ext/state_tariff_buss.cfm .

AT&T is ready to provide AT&T VPN Services as a replacement solution today! AT&T VPN is our premier Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network-based service delivered via the world-class AT&T Global Network, with nearly \$1 Billion invested to expand our network reach, enhance performance and deliver new service capabilities.

With AT&T VPN, you will benefit from:

- Access to our reliable worldwide network Highly secure, reliable network architecture
 providing any-to-any connectivity globally keeps your business running safely backed by
 Service Level Agreements to provide you assurances the network will operate with optimum
 uptime
- Value—Added Services that fit your business needs today and in the future such as Application
 Performance Management (for critical business applications), Agility (AT&T Transport and
 Access flexibility), and Control and Secutity (Personal Firewall to Network-Based Firewall)
- Benefits of IP Protocol Version 6 Platform for future applications, Enhance Mobility applications and expansion of address scope
- Ability to support merging services such as VoIP and Cloud Computing to your network investment
- Service capabilities, including native mode Multicast support, MultiLink PPP, multiple Class of Service (CoS) options, including support for VoIP; and robust Security Services, to mention a few.
- Extensive Support from dedicated customer care and technical marketing teams, including
 access to a powerful suite of online monitoring and management tools via our AT&T
 BusinessDirect® portal.

Your business is important to us. We want to ensure that you are obtaining the most suitable services for your needs. Please contact your Account Manager or other members of your Sales Team if you have any questions. If you do not know your Account Manager, please refer to the customer service number on your invoice. Thank you for choosing AT&T.

Sincerely,

Ramesh Kumar Senior Product Marketing Manager AT&T Packet Services

AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the section 63.71 Application of AT&T Corp. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, on this 17th day of April 2012, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses on the attached pages.

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